

8N. 09/465514

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The invention relates to using a universally unique identifier in a database to uniquely identify, both within and outside of the database system, a user. A storage system, according to the invention, includes a first storage area having an object stored therein; and a second storage area having stored therein an object identifier that identifies the object. The object identifier is unique within and outside of the storage system, and can be a Universal Unique Identifier (UUID). The invention also relates methods for storing and retrieving objects identified based on the unique identifier.